

the meantime I do not consider that my course is altogether interrupted, I look upon my term of service in the army as part of my training for the ministry, but if I am buried in a soldier's grave, my thoughts—my heart will always be in New Zealand among those who have been so kind to me."

Weber.

Vicar: Rev. F. W. Whibley.

The Vicar returned from Wanganui where he had been while recovering from the accident to his arm, and held service on February 6th.

There was a Church parade of the Weber National Reserve on Septuagesima Sunday. Our country is putting on quite a military appearance, showing that we all are fully alive to the seriousness of the conflict we are engaged in. There is a promise of victory ahead, when we can see the nation turning to God, and making Him our first line of defence.

The Vicar welcomed an invitation from the Rev. E. Robertshawé to attend a meeting of the Southern H.B. Clerical Association. Such meetings are very helpful, and also give an opportunity for the workers in isolated places to meet their brother clergy.

MARRIAGE.

Rangi Herbert Godwin (11th Reinforcements) to Nathalie Hart, on February 25th.

BAPTISMS.

At Hindhope, Waitahou, February 2nd, 1916, Jean Hooper Smith.

At Willow Valley, Ti Tree, February 17th, Cora Gladys Hales.

At Mount William, Ti Tree, February 18th, Kathleen Elizabeth Oakdin.

Te Karaka.

Vicar: Rev. G. N. Watson.

Rev. T. Te Kanapu.

The size of the Te Karaka Parochial District has been greatly reduced by the formation of the new district of Matawai. We wish the new district every success under its first Vicar, Rev. J. Pigott, who was instituted to his new charge by the Ven. Archdeacon Williams on January 30th.

The Vicarage grounds have been greatly improved by the new fence, and there is now every chance for a very nice garden round the Church and Vicarage. Our thanks are due to Messrs Palmer and Hinton for the gift of the fence and to Mr Manuel who for over a week superintended its erection.

Mrs Watson has received a letter from Miss Ethel Ashley, London, ac-

knowledging with thanks the large case of clothing sent by the ladies of the parish for the poor children of England and Belgium, and it is to be hoped that another such case or perhaps two smaller ones will be sent this year, for it is a direct way of helping those who have lost so much by the war.

The Sunday School re-assembled on Sunday, February 13th, but we regret that we have lost another teacher in the departure of Miss Evelyn Bell, and we are in urgent need of another teacher. Our Sunday School results in the recent Diocesan Examination were very good and the School has kept up a very good standard in work and attendance, which must suffer unless more are willing to help in the Sunday School.

We are glad to welcome a Church woman from the Old Country, Nurse Jarrett, who has been appointed Native District Nurse at Te Karaka.

The Vicar is glad to see one or two more attending the Intercession Service and will be pleased to add new names to the list of those who have gone to fight the 'battles of their country, and for whom our prayers are especially desired.

Rotorua.

Vicar: Rev. K. E. Maclean, B.A.

The infant classes on the Kindergarten system established in connection with S. Luke's Sunday School are proving very successful, and important results in connection with the religious life of the young people may be hoped for therefrom.

The annual picnic of S. Luke's Sunday School took place on Wednesday, January 26th, upwards of one hundred children and adults participating. The party was taken to Mr Sherriff's farm in buses. The spot chosen under the pine trees, close to the Utuhina stream, is ideal for a picnic. The weather was somewhat dull, and free from the enervating heat of summer. Many allusions were made to the kindness of Mr Sherriff in allowing them the use of his grounds. The children were entertained with games, including rounders and foot races, which were thoroughly enjoyed. The Rev. K. E. Maclean and T. A. Meyer, and Mr T. C. Hawkins (the Sunday School Superintendent) were unremitting in organising the amusements whereby the youngsters were kept busy. Refreshments were partaken of in the form of tea, sandwiches, and all sorts of confectionery, at half-past twelve, and at four o'clock in the afternoon. Shortly after the latter hour the buses arrived, and the picnickers were all transferred to their homes by half-past six, having spent

a most enjoyable time. A number of parents and others were present in the afternoon.

The monthly meeting of the Rotorua Branch of the Church of England Men's Society was held in the Vestry of S. Luke's Church, on the evening of Monday, February 7th, and was well attended. The Vicar presided, and gave an account of the Dominion Conference of the Society, held at Napier, referring particularly to a remarkable paper on "Church Training," read by Mr Crompton Smith, of Havelock. A discussion followed, and it was agreed to have a "quiet hour" in the Church on the following Monday, February 14. Several members of the Society and others attended the "quiet hour" in question.

Dannevirke-cum-Matamau and Bush Districts.

Vicar: Rev. E. Robertshawe, B.A.

Curate: Rev. C. E. Nicholas.

The Rev. C. E. Nicholas went north for his usual holiday, and during his absence our old friend the Rev. F. W. Martin took his duties, and preached most acceptable sermons. Those who have the privilege of hearing Mr Martin are much pleased with his simple but most touching discourses. No sooner had Mr Nicholas returned than he was re-called to the north by the sudden death of his nephew. He is now back and once more taking up the work. Our organist, Mr Kerr, and the choir are going forward with the Church music, and it may be fairly claimed that we have one of the best choirs in the Diocese.

A meeting of the southern Hawke's Bay clergy was held at the Vicarage on February 2nd, the Festival of the Purification. Holy Communion was celebrated at S. John's Church at 10 a.m., and after service the assembled brethren discussed the proposed course of clerical study and several other matters. Ultimately it was decided that papers on the various books should be read by various clergymen at the next clerical meeting, which it was settled to hold at Takapau on the last Wednesday in June. Besides this it was decided that the Vicar of the parish in which the gathering is held shall be chairman of the meeting. A recommendation was made that a sheet, or poster, should be printed with the names of the charities supported by the Church, and hung up in every Church porch in the Diocese, with printed inquiry: "Which of these are you helping?" so that Church men may know what the Church is doing. The Rev. Canon Eccles was absent from the gathering, but a hope was expressed that he would be present on the next occasion.